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TO : Director, FBI (109-480-2)  
FROM : Legal Attache, Havana, Cuba (109-32)  
SUBJECT: CUBAN REVOLUTIONARY ACTIVITIES  
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Rebuletts December 31 and January 2 last which set forth information received from (Bureau Source G) concerning messages between followers of deposed Cuban President Carlos Prío Socarras in Mexico and Cuba.

It has been noted in this and other similar type information furnished by the same source, the name "YEYO" occurs with a great deal of frequency. The identity of this person apparently has not been known and for that reason this office has been especially alert in routine contacts with police sources to see if the name was ever mentioned.

On 1-8-53, ex-National Police Lieutenant Jose Antonio Secco Fernandez, who is presently working for the Cuban Minister of Defense as a special investigator of political (anti-Batista) activities, was in the office on another matter. In the course of a general conversation he mentioned that he had been told a few days ago by a source whom he did not identify that about a month ago a very important opposition meeting was held on a farm not too far from the City of Havana but outside of Havana, Province. Secco said he has not been able to ascertain the exact location of this farm but that he was told that among those present were Max Lesnick, leader in the Orthodox Party youth section, Millo Ochoa, one of the principal leaders of the Orthodox Party, and a person called "YEYO," whom source identified to Secco as Aureliano Sanchez Arango, former Minister of Education during the Prío regime and well known as probably the most outstanding advocate of immediate and violent action on the part of the opposition against Batista.

From a review of the summaries of information furnished by (Source G) in this matter and forwarded by the Bureau to this office, it would appear that the "YEYO" mentioned in the information could well be Sanchez Arango, the "YEYO" of the messages apparently being a person of some importance. It will be recalled that in early May, 1952, Sanchez Arango and ex-National Police Captain Raul Rodriguez Santos, departed Miami in an airplane piloted by notorious alien smuggler Edward William Murphy. They first went to Nassau and presumably after leaving the latter place, Sanchez Arango and Rodriguez Santos were landed by Murphy at some isolated spot in the eastern part of Cuba. Since that time, there have been repeated and consistent rumors that Sanchez Arango has been in and out of Cuba, although local authorities have been unsuccessful in their efforts to capture him. A short time ago, an American business man resident in Cuba advised that Sanchez Arango on occasion visits a Cuban family who resides in the same apartment building where the American lives.

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In connection with the meeting mentioned above at which leaders of the Orthodox Party and Sanchez Arango were allegedly present, it is interesting to note that according to information received from local American Legion contacts, Jose Antonio Duarte y Propesa, young Cuban recently arrested in New York in connection with the discovery of a storage of arms, is a member of the Orthodox Party and according to sources, was a very outspoken advocate of violent action prior to his leaving Cuba. The Orthodox Party publicly follows a line of more or less complete isolation from other political parties; but it would appear that within the party, there are elements which desire direct action and who are not hesitating to deal with representatives of other parties such as the Autentico Party of Prio and Sanchez Arango. (S)(U)

The above is for the Bureau's information. No distribution has been made of the above information since the Bureau instructed that none of the information furnished by Source 6 should be referred to directly or indirectly to anyone outside this office. (S)

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